MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The Chief Secretary to Government.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Who is to revise his translations?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: His translations are not revised.

Grievances of Ignasimuttu Pillai, Teacher, English High School, Kottar.

262. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: (*a*) Are the Government aware of the grievances of Mr. Ignasimuttu Pillai, B. A., L. T., A. C. P., teacher, English High School, Kottar, with reference to the withholding of two of his increments?

(*b*) Will the Government state why the grounds for the withholding of these increments have not been furnished to him in reply to his numerous memorials and petitions?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the memorials of Mr. Ignasimuttu Pillai together with the recommendations for and against him, submitted by the Head Master, the Inspector and the Director?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Mr. Ignasimuttu Pillai's memorials and petitions have been considered and orders passed.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Promotion to Mr. Ignasimuttu Pillai.

263. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state why Mr. Ignasimuttu Pillai has not been given a promotion to the first grade?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: Mr. Ignasimuttu Pillai's rank did not warrant his promotion to the first grade on the last occasion when such promotions were made.

Determination of Seniority among Officers.

264. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether seniority of officers is determined by prior appointment to a particular grade?

MR. K. GEORGE: Seniority of officers in any particular grade is *ordinarily* determined with reference to the dates of their confirmation in that grade.

Appointment of Graduates alone as Superintendents in the Secretariat and the Account Office.

265. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have decided at any time that Superintendentship in the Secretariat and the Account Office should be open to graduates alone?

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[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

(*b*) Has this rule been modified or cancelled ?

(*c*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons therefor ?

(*d*) Is this ruling applicable to Superintendents alone or is it applicable to higher officers such as Assistant Account Officers in the Account Office and to Assistant Secretaries in the Secretariat ?

(*e*) Will the Government be pleased to state the particular reasons, if any, for not giving a Superintendent's place to Mr. Lopez who was transferred to the Public Library, and for giving Mr. A. V. Narasimha Aiyar, an undergraduate, the acting post of an Assistant Account Officer, in preference to Mr. Sankaranarayana Aiyar, a graduate and the Senior Divisional Treasury Officer ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) to (*d*) There is no rule that the posts of Superintendents and higher appointments in the Secretariat and in the Account Office should be open to graduates only.

(*e*) Government make such appointments from time to time as in their opinion are in the best interests of the State. They are not prepared to state the reasons for their decisions in individual cases.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued any instructions that graduates should be preferred in appointments carrying a salary of above Rs. 40 ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: I claim notice.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: How many non-graduates were appointed as Superintendents and Assistant Secretaries since 1914 ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: The answer calls for collection of statistics. I therefore claim notice.

Purchase of a Bicycle for the Land Revenue Commissioner's Office.

266. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether a new B. S. A. bicycle was purchased at the cost of Government by Mr. K. Anantanarayana Aiyar, the late Land Revenue Commissioner, for his office, debiting the cost thereof, *viz.*, Rs. 298 and odd, to his contingencies ?

(*b*) If so, how long was this cycle used before Mr. Anantanarayana Aiyar handed over charge to Mr. Robinson ?

(*c*) When the cycle was handed over, was it in a workable condition ?

(*d*) Have the Government sustained any loss thereon and, if so, who is responsible for it ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes. The cost was Rs. 294-Chs. 24-C. 9.

(*b*) For about six months.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The matter is under correspondence.

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